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For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR FACILITATING  
ELECTRONIC COMMERCE THROUGH TWO-TIERED  
ELECTRONIC MARKETS AND AUCTIONS

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination, please amend the application as follows:

In the Specification:

Please change the title of the invention to:

**Method And Apparatus For Facilitating Electronic Commerce  
Through Two-Tiered Electronic Markets And Auctions**

Page 1, Line 1, after the Title of the Invention, please insert the following:

--This patent application <sup>is a continuation of</sup> ~~seeks priority from~~ U.S. Patent Application Serial No.  
09/166,779 filed October 6, 1998, which is a divisional of U.S. Patent Application Serial No.  
08/554,704 filed November 7, 1995, now U.S. Patent No. 5,845,265, issued December 1, 1998,